

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT  
TUESDAY, APRIL 29, 2003 – 1000 MDT  
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 2**

**CURRENT SITUATION:**

Initial attack activity was light to moderate nationally, with 226 new fires reported yesterday. Four new large fires were reported, two in the Eastern Area and two in the Southern Area. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Arizona, Colorado, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, New Hampshire, New Mexico and Pennsylvania.

COLUMBIA RESPONSE, Federal Emergency Management Agency. A FEMA Emergency Operations Center is established in Lufkin, Texas. Three Type 2 Incident Management Teams (Mollinex, Dietrich and Swope) are assigned in Longview, Nacogdoches and Corsicana, Texas. Forty-eight agencies are cooperating in the search and collection of shuttle materials. Approximately 85 percent of the current assigned area, or 625,963 acres, has been searched and 37 percent of the total shuttle weight has been recovered. Ground searches in Hemphill, Texas have been completed. Search operations have begun near Cedro Peak in New Mexico.

NEWCASTLE, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA. State and Federal personnel have been mobilized in response to the outbreak of the Exotic Newcastle Disease. They are working in support of the USDA APHIS operation under a Unified Command. Support operations continue in Arizona and California.

**SOUTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:**

BOILER, Gila National Forest. This lightning caused Wildland Fire Use fire is ten miles northwest of Poverty Creek, NM and is being managed to accomplish resource objectives. Fuel types involved include ponderosa pine, pinyon pine, juniper and grass. The fire was active in the north, south, and west portions of the fire. Minimal spread was observed in this backing fire, with occasional torching due to winds. Continued monitoring and mapping of fire spread is planned for today.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
BOILER	NM	GNF	5,220	NR	UNK	21	1	3	0	0	30K

**EASTERN AREA LARGE FIRES:**

ALRICH ROAD, Huron-Manistee NF. The fire, burning in conifer, grass, and hardwood, is three miles south of Curtisville, MI. Active fire behavior was observed with running and torching.

ZION, Illinois Division of Forestry Resources. The fire is burning in the Illinois Beach State Park. No other information was reported.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
ALDRICH ROAD	MI	HMF	500	40	4/29	49	0	9	1	0	NR
ZION	IL	ILS	450	60	UNK	0	0	0	0	0	NR

### SOUTHERN AREA LARGE FIRES:

DENWIDDIE FIRE, Texas Forest Service. The fire is burning in an ice damaged pine plantation 15 miles north of Clarksville, TX. No other information was reported.

DOUBLE FALLS ROAD, Oklahoma Division of Forestry. The fire is burning in logging slash, pine, and hardwood timber four miles northeast of Wilburton, OK. Minimal fire growth is anticipated.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
DENWIDDIE FIRE	TX	TXS	300	NR	UNK	2	0	0	0	0	NR
DOUBLE FALLS ROAD	OK	OKS	360	95	UNK	2	0	1	0	0	NR

### OUTLOOK:

**Red Flag Warnings:** Most of New Mexico below 9,000 feet for strong southwest winds and low humidity in conjunction with high or higher fire danger.

**Weather Discussion:** Upper trough of low pressure to continue to bring unsettled weather to portions of the west. This trough will also produce dry gusty winds over the Southwest. Elsewhere, a frontal system over the mid-Atlantic states will stretch back into central Plains. A weakening front will continue over Florida.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
<b>SOUTHWEST AREA</b> Partly cloudy and windy. Slight chance thunderstorms extreme northern and eastern portions of area.	Mid 50s to mid 70s mountains, mid 70s to mid 90s lower elevations.	15-25% highest mountains northern Arizona and northern New Mexico, 5-15% remainder.	SW 15-30 mph and gusty.
<b>SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA</b> Showers north half. Partly cloudy south half.	35-55 mountains 55-70 valleys 65-80 deserts	50-70% N half and 30-45% S half	SW 15 to 25 mph over the deserts and mountains, otherwise SW to W 5 to 15 mph.
<b>EASTERN AREA</b> Showers and thunderstorms likely over parts of the Big Rivers and mid-Atlantic states, mostly cloudy western Great Lakes, partly cloudy elsewhere	73 to 83 over the southern mid-Atlantic states	35 to 45 percent over southern New England and eastern mid-Atlantic	North to Northwest winds expected across New England



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### **FIRE NOT SCOUTED AND SIZED UP**

Watchout Situation #1 comes up during initial attack and every time resources arrive at a fire.

● Before taking action on the fire, the following considerations must be addressed:

- Can you personally observe the fire or must you use scouts? Describe ways you can scout and size up a fire.
- Do you know the location of the fire perimeter? Discuss situations in which the fire perimeter may not be obvious. (Spotty fires, etc.)
- Do you know the direction of fire spread? When isn't the direction of fire spread obvious? (Wind shifts, spotty fires, etc.)
- Does the direction of fire spread increase risk? Talk about situations where you may have to approach the head of the fire. (Hiking down from a helispot, approaching from an existing road, switching winds, etc.)
- Do you know the fuels and their condition? What kind of information will you assume from what you already know about fuel types? (Spot fires in fir, extreme fire potential in flashy fuels, etc.)

- - Do topographic hazards exist? What can you assume from what kind of terrain the fire covers? (Slope, chimneys, aspect, etc.)
  - Does enough information exist to establish a plan of attack? When do you have enough information to begin fighting fire? What do you need to know?
  - Do other dangers exist? Have you talked about factors specific to the area you are working in? (Hunters in the woods, drought, snag patches, etc.)

● To reduce the risks:

- Post lookouts until the fire is sized up and escape routes and safety zones are established.
- Retreat if the situation is too complex. Review fires where you had to wait until the area in which you were assigned to work was scouted and sized up before you were allowed onto the fireline.

**FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES	1						1
	ACRES	1						1
Rocky Mountain	FIRES			11				11
	ACRES			579				579
Eastern Area	FIRES	39				134	13	186
	ACRES	161				1,410	657	2,228
Southern Area	FIRES					25	3	28
	ACRES					92	42	134
TOTAL	FIRES	40	0	11	0	159	16	226
	ACRES	162	0	579	0	1,502	699	2,942

**FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES				1	48		49
	ACRES				432	219		651
Northwest	FIRES	3	1	1			5	10
	ACRES	1	0	1			1	3
Northern California	FIRES				4	90	16	110
	ACRES				2,210	19	12	2,241
Southern California	FIRES	1	4		1	249	53	308
	ACRES	0	1		0	28	19	48
Northern Rockies	FIRES	278	1	7		60	12	358
	ACRES	1,952	0	498		16,316	1,361	20,127
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		8			11	3	22
	ACRES		18			286	0	304
Western Great Basin	FIRES		3					3
	ACRES		2					2
Southwest	FIRES	56	25	3		152	71	307
	ACRES	59	2,799	274		4,903	239	8,274
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	9	9	22	1	40	12	93
	ACRES	123	2	1,379	200	225	469	2,398
Eastern Area	FIRES	667		56	14	4,133	252	5,122
	ACRES	51,200		3,420	614	82,617	4,838	142,689
Southern Area	FIRES	88		7	11	8,318	265	8,689
	ACRES	20,160		757	756	123,149	7,842	152,664
TOTAL	FIRES	1,102	51	96	32	13,101	689	15,071
	ACRES	73,495	2,822	6,329	4,212	227,762	14,781	329,401

<b>Eight Year Average Fires</b>	<b>28,661</b>
<b>Eight Year Average Acres</b>	<b>616,393</b>

\*\*\*Averages are computed from data reported to NICC during the fourth reporting period in April\*\*\*

and

\*\*\*Changes in some agency YTD acres reflect more accurate mapping or reporting adjustments\*\*\*

**PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES	1						1
	ACRES	40						40
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES						2	2
	ACRES						550	550
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		0	11			0	11
	ACRES		32	6,401			20	6,453
Eastern Area	FIRES			2		74		76
	ACRES			645		5,832		6,477
Southern Area	FIRES			1		3	5	9
	ACRES			100		300	2,807	3,207
TOTAL	FIRES	1	0	14	0	77	7	99
	ACRES	40	32	7,146	0	6,132	3,377	16,727

**PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES	9	73	146	1		66	295
	ACRES	719	8,750	4,675	7		3,327	17,478
Northern California	FIRES	2	8	6	11		73	100
	ACRES	31	121	16,866	499		3,872	21,389
Southern California	FIRES		2	1	2		66	71
	ACRES		25	38	12		7,876	7,951
Northern Rockies	FIRES	7	8	11		4	94	124
	ACRES	287	2,838	1,718		102	7,123	12,068
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	10	3		4	8	26
	ACRES	18	1,099	300		121	2,212	3,750
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES	4	26	4	4		183	221
	ACRES	485	10,722	816	4,877		15,659	32,559
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	26	11	38	5	4	23	107
	ACRES	1,718	1,020	7,637	349	46	3,006	13,776
Eastern Area	FIRES	13		111	9	259	115	507
	ACRES	10,057		28,022	1,630	33,370	22,032	95,111
Southern Area	FIRES	49		216	33	5,634	1,006	6,938
	ACRES	8,812		75,472	49,606	375,152	789,941	1,298,983
TOTAL	FIRES	111	138	536	65	5,905	1,634	8,389
	ACRES	22,127	24,575	135,544	56,980	408,791	855,048	1,503,065

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**WFU FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						5,220	5,220
Rocky Mountain	FIRES			1				1
	ACRES			320				320
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	1	0	0	1	2
	ACRES	0	0	320	0	0	5,220	5,540

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**RESOURCES STATUS: COMMITTED RESOURCES**

AREA	CREWS FED	CREWS ST/OT	ENGS FED	ENGS ST/OT	HELI FED	HELI ST/OT	AIRT FED	AIRT ST/OT	OVRHD FED	OVRHD ST/OT
Alaska										
Northwest	1		3						7	
Northern California										
Southern California									17	298
Northern Rockies										
Eastern Great Basin										
Western Great Basin										
Southwest	6								32	2
Rocky Mountain	6									
Eastern Area			13	20	1	9			100	
Southern Area	12	38	11	1	1				230	665
Total	25	38	27	21	2	9	0	0	386	965

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